GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE IN MILITANT OUTFITS LEADERSHIP
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is replacing Afghani or Pakistani bosses of militant outfits with Kashmiris;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Government have taken up the matter with Western Countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(b) The bulk of foreign militants infiltrating into Jammu & Kashmir at present is of Pakistani origin.There are a few Afghan and Arab nationals also.

(c)-(e) Government have effectively and appropriately brought to the notice of the international community, Pakistan`s support to cross-border terrorism and continued attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India. The facts regarding Pakistan`s state sponsorship of terrorism has been brought before several international fora and have also been raised at high-level bilateral discussions with world leaders. The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan`s state sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region. This greater awareness is being reflected in the international media coverage on Pakistan and in statements by official spokesmen of several governments.